## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

## **DOCKET NO. 2005-307-C**

Claricom Networks, LLC ("Claricom") and Matrix Telecom, Incorporated ("Matrix"), (together "Applicants"), have filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a Joint Application for authority to complete a merger and the assignment of an authorization to provide telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The Joint Application was filed pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. §§ 58-9-300 and 58-9-310 and the rules and regulations of the Commission. Specifically, Claricom and Matrix, which are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Platinum Equity, LLC propose to undergo a series of transactions whereby Claricom ultimately will be merged into Matrix, Matrix will provide service to the Claricom customers, and Claricom will discontinue providing service to its customers.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., P.O. Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 2**, 2005 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-307-C*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, at the above address, on or before **December 2, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2005-307-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **December 2, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No.* **2005-307-C**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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